

MINUTES
Town of Crested Butte
Regular Town Council Meeting
Tuesday, July 6, 2021

Mayor Schmidt called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

Council Members Present: Will Dujardin, Chris Haver, Mallika Magner, Jason MacMillan, Mona Merrill, and Jasmine Whelan

Staff Present: Town Manager Dara MacDonald, Town Attorney John Sullivan, and Town Clerk Lynelle Stanford

Finance Director Rob Zillioux, Town Planner II Mel Yemma, Town Planner I Pat Church, and Public Works Director Shea Earley (for part of the meeting)

Schmidt mentioned the preceding work session regarding the Water and Wastewater Capital Improvement Plan.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Schmidt confirmed #3 on Consent Agenda, Award of Professional Services Agreement for Engineering Services of the Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements, would be pulled from the agenda.

Magner moved and Haver seconded a motion to approve the agenda. A roll call vote was taken with all voting, "Yes." **Motion passed unanimously.**

CONSENT AGENDA

1) June 21, 2021 Special Town Council Meeting Minutes.

Staff Contact: Town Clerk Lynelle Stanford

2) June 21, 2021 Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes.

Staff Contact: Town Clerk Lynelle Stanford

3) Award of Professional Services Agreement for Engineering Services of the Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements.

Staff Contact: Public Works Director Shea Earley

4) Award of Professional Services Agreement for the Engineering Services of the Lake Irwin Valve and Piping Project.

Staff Contact: Public Works Director Shea Earley

5) Colorado Communities for Climate Action (CC4CA) Policy Statement Ratification.

Staff Contact: Town Planner II Mel Yemma

6) Pyramid Avenue Boat Launch Bid Award.

Staff Contact: Parks, Recreation, Open Space, and Trails Director Janna Hansen

7) Authorizing the Town Manager to Move the Town to Stage 2 Fire Restrictions Concurrent with Gunnison County in 2021.

Staff Contact: Town Manager Dara MacDonald

8) Appointment of a Public Art Commission Member.

Staff Contact: Town Planner II Mel Yemma

Schmidt listed the items on the Consent Agenda, reiterating that #3 had been removed.

Magner moved and MacMillan seconded a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. A roll call vote was taken with all voting, "Yes." **Motion passed unanimously.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

Eric Davis - 311 1st Street

- He spoke concerning the parking ordinance.
- He felt it was just not right.
- He appreciated the work put in by everyone.
- Parking had always been a pain in the winter, but they got by. The people in his neighborhood worked parking out around events in the summer.
- The parking ordinance made everything all wrong.
- He felt scared for future parking prospects at his home, having service workers, and loading tools for work.
- Bars and restaurants on Elk were taking his parking spots away.
- He felt betrayed that Council members he voted for chose tourists and money interests over residents.

Mitch Evans -19 Elk Avenue

- He was at the meeting to support Davis.
- He did not know he could not park in front of his house anymore.
- If the Council wiped out Airbnbs, his zone was a business/residential zone, which he banked on for a lot of years. Now they could not park.
- He agreed that he and Davis should have been more involved and engaged in the process.
- He was feeling overwhelmed.

STAFF UPDATES

- MacDonald stated that regarding parking, there would be a more robust report on utilization at the next meeting. More parking passes could potentially be issued. Magner had been inundated with people essentially saying the same thing as what

the Council heard during public comment. The Council implemented the rules to protect residents on Maroon and Sopris. Magner would like the Council to reconsider at least how the permitting was happening. She thought the results were not what the Council intended. MacMillan believed the residents would be prioritized. Jenny Veilleux, who reported an address of 428 Elk, was also experiencing a parking problem. She wanted the pilot parking program to go away. The spirit and vibe changed when Town installed a parking program. MacDonald affirmed the report on parking would be on the next agenda.

- Schmidt confirmed the 4th of July went okay.
- Schmidt referred to the letter in the packet regarding the ballot question request from the Creative District. Schmidt asked the Council whether they wanted to discuss at the next meeting. No one on the Council voiced agreement to move forward with discussing the ballot question requested by the Creative District.
- Schmidt noted the sales tax update, and he asked how much the sales tax increase had been versus 2019. Zillioux identified sales tax was approaching 20% ahead. Schmidt mentioned the increase in the RETT. Zillioux told the Council that trends were continuing. Merrill questioned interest rates.
- Magner recalled that the Council asked for the results of an investigation into a Marshal. She asked for the results. Sullivan explained they had been working on a report. MacDonald was not prepared to talk about a legal summary. Sullivan had not reviewed the July of 2020 incident, but he was aware of the underlying criminal case. Schmidt asked for a written report by the July 19th meeting, which MacDonald would provide to the Council.
- Whelan highlighted that TAPP gave an update at the last STOR meeting that they would pivot advertising to focus on stewardship.
- Whelan mentioned the 6th and Butte housing plan. There would be an open house and community presentation. She asked for the differences in what would be presented at the open house compared to the community presentation, which Yemma explained. Yemma further explained the same presentation as the community presentation would be made during the work session on July 19th.
- Schmidt recognized the Town closed on the Ruby, and he asked what the process was for getting people in. MacDonald stated Town would offer living spaces to the public starting August 1st. Schmidt confirmed renters would work with the Housing Authority. Magner asked about eligibility criteria. Merrill would include the requirement of physical employment in the County. Magner heard that people coming to do seasonal work might not be able to fulfill residency requirements. MacDonald affirmed the Council would discuss in more detail on July 19th.

LEGAL MATTERS

Sullivan updated that he would be sending out an email to the Martins' attorney summarizing the Town's positions regarding the Verzuh Open Space. He expected the email would lead to further discussions that would occur in a civilized manner. Schmidt confirmed Town's opinion was that the trail would open July 11th.

PUBLIC HEARING

1) Ordinance No. 11, Series 2021 - An Ordinance of the Crested Butte Town Council Amending Chapter 6, Article 4 to Increase the Number of Annual Licenses for Food Carts Within the Town of Crested Butte.

Staff Contact: Town Clerk Lynelle Stanford

Schmidt read the title of the ordinance, and he confirmed proper public notice had been given. Stanford explained that the Council at the last meeting discussed adding three mobile vendors, bringing the total to seven vendors.

Schmidt opened the public hearing and asked for comments from the public. The public, in general, supported increasing the number of food carts.

Cass Rea - Lives on the mountain

- He asked what the barriers were for the food carts to be a late night food option.
- Food carts would be a great solution for late night food.

The public hearing was closed. The Council had no further comments.

Whelan moved and Dujardin seconded a motion to approve Ordinance No. 11, Series 2021. A roll call vote was taken with all voting, "Yes." **Motion passed unanimously.**

NEW BUSINESS

1) Ordinance No. 12, Series 2021 - An Ordinance of the Crested Butte Town Council Imposing a Moratorium for Twelve Months on Accepting and Processing Applications and Issuing Licenses for Non-Primary Residence Vacation Rentals.

Staff Contact: Community Development Director Troy Russ

Schmidt pointed out the ordinance could be set for public hearing, and if so, it would be discussed again. Yemma explained the ordinance would impose a moratorium for twelve months on accepting and processing applications and issuing licenses for non-primary residence vacation rentals. Yemma reminded the Council of the housing emergency and the actions proposed to alleviate at the last meeting. Town needed to look at every possible tool. The Town was the first of many ski towns to enact regulation of STRs, as well as to place an excise tax on STRs. It was a critical moment to cease issuing new licenses. Staff recommended studying and evaluating the Town's current vacation rental regulations, which were outlined by Yemma. She identified the Staff's recommendation.

Schmidt explained the process for discussion at the meeting that included taking comments from the public. Whelan recognized the research around STRs was important, regardless of the ordinance. She clarified the moratorium was an important tool to determine how the availability of vacation rental licenses affected investments in Crested Butte and impacted the housing market. MacDonald stated the moratorium would not affect the primary residents' vacation rental licenses. Dujardin agreed with points made

by Whelan. Schmidt did not think the moratorium would help housing. He did not understand why the goal was in the staff report because the properties would not be converted to long-term housing. He thought a moratorium was the wrong way to go. It seemed they could do the study without doing a moratorium. Schmidt asked whether Staff had spoken to people who had given up licenses. Church reported that property owners chose not to renew because they wanted the homes for their own homes, and some were waiting to see. Ultimately, of the 38 licenses that turned over, 20 licenses had been renewed. Schmidt questioned whether a single person said he or she would long-term rent. Church said a few had thought about it. Magner confirmed there were 18 property owners that did not renew their licenses, and the question was why they chose not to renew. Schmidt outlined what other ski towns were doing concerning STRs. He reiterated if the goal were to provide long-term housing, the moratorium would not help. Whelan thought the goal was to find out the impact of short-term rentals on the housing market. Whelan did not see a negative impact coming from the moratorium. Dujardin asked for whom Schmidt was advocating. Dujardin said they were pumping the brakes to understand the market better. Magner reported on the median house price, the average house price, and the cost of a mortgage, in the Town of Crested Butte. She listed reasons a homeowner would choose to short-term rent a home. The most important thing they needed to do as a community was to house people. The Council needed to focus energy on putting people in homes in Crested Butte. It seemed a misuse of Town resources to spend the effort and resources to do this lengthy study when they needed to be building housing. Magner identified the harm of the moratorium related to Staff resources being diverted to another study. Merrill thought there were people who looked at property and wondered about making money on it, and it was worrisome if it were to continue. Merrill thought it was way better to have someone move here and physically live here. MacMillan heard Magner's point and agreed it was a big ask for the Staff.

Dujardin stated it was important to recognize Magner had a property listed that would be affected by the ordinance, and he recommended Magner recuse herself from voting. Dujardin elaborated that former Council members had short-term rentals at the time the STRs regulations were passed. Magner would abide by the advice of the attorney. MacDonald affirmed there were no sitting Council members who had this type of license. Dujardin was not implying anything about Magner's passion and how she worked on the Council. Yemma told the Council that in an emergency they had to look at every tool and how it worked with other tools. Magner wanted the Council to do things that were targeted and effective.

Kat Loughan

- She thanked Yemma and Dujardin, for his comments regarding Magner. Magner countered Loughan's comments. Magner clarified she had two accessory dwelling units, both of which were rented to long-term locals.
- Loughan asked why they would not gather as much information as possible to help during a state of emergency.
- The population when STRs were evaluated was negligible compared to what it is now.

Steve Ryan - 75 Escalante

- Schmidt and he were on the STR committee. The committee drilled down scenarios. He listed participants. The committee found no correlation between short-term rentals and long-term rentals. They looked at the data, and there was no correlation.
- It was not about the money.
- He did not have an investor in his whole portfolio, and he did not have anyone that did not come to the community frequently.
- Not one property owner would long-term rent if they lost the license.
- He identified unintended consequences.
- The regulations were in place, and they were a compromise.

Cole Thomas - 628 Teocalli Avenue

- In terms of the study, he agreed with everyone that maybe the moratorium would not create affordable housing, but the Council should listen to Town Staff.
- He suggested a six-month moratorium and actions to take during the moratorium.
- He recommended that Town increase the licensing fee for short-term rentals to \$5K or \$7K.

Luz Ospitia - 719 Sopris Avenue

- She had an ADU that she rented to a long-term local.
- She provided background on her property ownership.
- She applauded what Merrill said about community and comments made by Dujardin.
- It scared her that Crested Butte would become like Jersey.
- She thought the moratorium would help.
- She said builders should be encouraged to build ADUs.
- The Council should focus on what Crested Butte was all about.

Cathy Benson

- She outlined her history and background in real estate.
- There was no way to keep Crested Butte how it was.
- There was a limit on how many units could be rented.
- There was a time with information to study.
- She explained the structure and reasons to create LLCs.
- She asked for statistics from last year.
- She did not think the moratorium would change housing in any way.
- She knew of dark houses that were not long-term rented because the owners wanted to come to their homes.
- She had trouble understanding why the last 18 months were not enough to study.
- She was not sure a moratorium would solve what they were hoping to solve.

Jenny Veilleux

- She asked whether the short-term rental licenses expired, and she questioned the process for renewals.

- Schmidt informed her the STR license fee was \$750 a year. The fee had to be tied with a nexus for what the Town was providing for the fee.
- She thanked the Staff for putting resources in the study

Cass Rea - Lives on mountain and works in Town

- At the mountain (Mt. Crested Butte Town Council) meeting, he learned they were now considering a moratorium.
- The moratorium would keep constituents from being kicked out of their homes.

Beth Goldstone - 915 Teocalli

- She supported the moratorium.
- 30% was a large chunk of housing that was not community oriented.
- The biggest reason for the moratorium was for the information.
- The moratorium gave the Town the chance to see what buyers would do when there was not the option of a short-term rental.
- She thought a moratorium would show buyers how important community was.

Jim Starr - Speaking on his own behalf

- To him, the bottom line was they were losing the community.
- He agreed that the moratorium would not create affordable housing, but it would slow the loss of affordable housing.
- He thought it was wise to put a moratorium in place because people would understand Town was encouraging homeowners to live here full-time.
- Taking away the profit motive, beyond the appreciated value of homes, was something the Council should consider.
- He encouraged the Council to approve the moratorium.

Adam Maestle - Formerly a resident at 817 Red Lady. Currently he lives where he finds a place to park.

- He supported the moratorium.
- It was a small act that would suggest they were putting the community before Airbnb owners.
- Things were absolutely not okay right now.

Kent Cowherd - 901 Teocalli Avenue

- He spoke in favor of the moratorium.
- He pointed out the Council's goal of 75% occupancy in Town.
- Town may not be experiencing the proper balance.
- There was an opportunity for a tie-in with the InDEED program that could reimburse people for 20% of the value of the home to ensure the home was turned into a long-term rental.
- He was talking about short-term rentals as businesses.
- He brought up rentals that occurred for 31 days as an unanalyzed aspect.

Magner shared that she felt so hurt. She worked so many years and hours on this Council and volunteered in so many areas, and there was the idea that one of her Council members implied that she was not working in the best interest of the Town. Magner supported Thomas's idea of raising fees and reassigning all the money they could to address the issue. Whelan acknowledged the Council was just trying to decide whether to set the ordinance for public hearing at the next meeting, and she thought there was support for setting the ordinance for public hearing. Dujardin recognized the moratorium would be a band-aid on a giant gaping wound that could help keep people in their homes for another year. Haver asked how the moratorium would keep someone from being kicked out, which Dujardin clarified. Haver reviewed potential effects of the moratorium that he saw. He hoped to have better clarity on questions he had. Haver was willing to move forward to the next step so he could better understand. He did not think the moratorium would accomplish what they were hoping to accomplish. Schmidt did not see how the moratorium would increase the long-term rental housing stock. Haver noted it was easy to jump on the LLC, and he identified LLCs were a part of short-term rentals and businesses. Schmidt disclosed his fiancé was building a house that was registered as an LLC, and the two of them would live there the rest of their lives. Town should be building housing rather than studying.

Whelan moved and Dujardin seconded a motion to set Ordinance No. 12, Series 2021, imposing a moratorium for twelve months on accepting and processing applications and issuing licenses for non-primary residence vacation rentals, for a public hearing during the July 19th, 2021 Town Council meeting. A roll call vote was taken with all voting, "Yes," except for Schmidt, who voted, "No." **Motion passed.**

2) Discussion on Funding Mechanisms for Affordable Housing.

Staff Contact: Finance Director Rob Zillioux

Zillioux announced that he changed the agenda title to include community preservation. He was responsible for HR, and no one who worked for the Town had the opportunity to live and work in Town. It had been difficult to hire people. Community meant people living and working in the Town. The bigger issue was small businesses were being shut down. One of the key elements of the fabric of Town was the funky businesses. Zillioux stated second homeowners were part of the fabric of the community.

Zillioux wanted to talk about raising money for maintaining the community. He identified sources and uses for funding. Zillioux reviewed major revenue sources and where they went, such as sales tax, county sales tax, STR excise tax, RETT, and property tax. Zillioux presented a slide reflecting the five-year capital plan. Zillioux noted the fund balances and potential new funding sources. Town did not have a ton of money but could do some good things. The bigger issue was how to help local businesses. Town sales tax was somewhere in the middle of resort communities. Zillioux provided the example that a sales tax increase of .5% would gain \$500,000 a year. He did the same analysis for increases to the STR excise tax and property tax.

Zillioux outlined the idea of a Community Preservation Fee. Schmidt questioned how to define. Zillioux acknowledged Town would be addressing the root cause. Magner confirmed it would be the same concept as a dark home tax. Zillioux recognized Town could borrow money, and bonding was an expensive process. Magner reminded that Town had bonded in the past. Zillioux informed the Council that grants could not be assumed. He pointed out the idea of selling 308 3rd Street or possibly repurposing it. Zillioux stated there was urgency to think about. Schmidt asked whether other communities had the Community Preservation Fee. MacDonald recognized the fee was one of the recommendations in the Mountain Migration report. Zillioux showed a slide depicting what funding mechanisms would do and how they would affect the community.

Zillioux wanted to ask Council to ask the voters of the community whether they would like to put the Community Preservation Fee on the ballot for the November election. He also recommended the Town ask the citizens about increasing the STR excise tax. He would encourage the Valley Housing Fund to invest funds for Town projects. He also reiterated his suggestion that the Council consider repurposing or selling 308 3rd Street.

Magner recommended Town harness the energy and enthusiasm of second homeowners. There needed to be some kind of campaign. They were missing out on a market. MacMillan asked about increasing the STR excise tax and whether it could be raised more than just one percentage point. Dujardin wondered how they got second homeowners to donate to the Valley Housing Fund. He felt they needed to change the messaging. Whelan thought the issue hit upon a community-wide issue. It was not just tourism; it was the fabric of the community that depended upon more funding. Zillioux clarified his suggestion of putting the question on the ballot and letting the voters decide. Schmidt was not convinced the Community Preservation Fee was a good idea. The Public Policy Forum raised twice as much money when they asked for donations compared to charging a fee. Merrill recognized they needed to come up with solutions together as a community. Schmidt wanted to see what could be raised between the mill levy and the STR excise tax. Magner reiterated that the second homeowners should be galvanized.

Cole Thomas - 628 Teocalli

- He understood the stepping over a dime to get a nickel.
- He thought the ballot language should include that if a person donated more than the preservation fee, then he or she did not have to pay the fee.
- There should be an incentive to donate more.

Sullivan opined that it made the fee more susceptible to an attack in a lawsuit. MacDonald elaborated that State Statute would not allow a locally approved tax that differentiated between income and value of a property.

Lindsey Freeburn - 506 5th Street

- People would get tired of continuous asks.
- A continuous funding stream allowed the Town to plan financially for what was ahead.

- She would support a fee over a volunteer donation.

Ian Billick - 516 Sopris Avenue

- He supported selling 308 3rd Street.
- Desire and aspiration were not enough for housing.
- They should get down to it and solve the problem.
- They had to solve the problem to scale. The solution had to scale. He elaborated in response to Magner's questions.
- Housing had to be regional.

Jim Starr

- The Valley Housing Fund initiated meetings with private donors to start organizing.
- This whole discussion had been about raising more funds for affordable housing. The most successful had been the creation of accessory dwelling units. He suggested the Council consider the bold step of not allowing any accessory dwellings to be built unless a long-term rental was considered a part of it. In addition, provide an incentive for building accessory dwelling units.

Cole Thomas

- He was under the impression other communities had done the Community Preservation Fee.
- He confirmed it would be a tax.

Whelan would like to see language for a Community Preservation Fee. MacMillan was not in favor of a regressive tax. Magner agreed and pointed out the second issue was they wanted people to be able to stay. They needed to be sure locals were not priced out of housing they already had. MacMillan would love to talk more with the City of Gunnison and learn what they had done. Magner would be interested in seeing how Staff would repurpose 308 to support local businesses. Merrill wanted to know more about bonding. Zillioux would bring back to the Council a refined set of recommendations. There was discussion on timing related to the election.

3) Discussion on Scope and Composition of Affordable Housing Task Force.

Staff Contact: Town Manager Dara MacDonald

Church reported they were trying to tap into ideas to find out what else was out there. The task force would be comprised of seven to nine Council-appointed stakeholders from the community, including two at-large members. The task force should include representation from public, private, and non-profit sectors with demonstrated commitment, knowledge, and expertise in real estate development, finance, architecture, land use planning, and housing policy. Staff was not looking for a group to sit in front of a large public forum. Staff wanted the task force to sit in a room and be creative. A Town Council member would not serve on the committee. They wanted the group to give the Council their best ideas.

Staff wanted to get the task force going as soon as possible. Church outlined the timeline. Church read the recommendation from the staff report. They were seeking direction to begin recruitment and planning for convening the task force. Schmidt was concerned about the expectations of task forces with their focus being on one thing.

Magner moved and MacMillan seconded a motion that they support the task force with input from the Town Attorney on legality.

Dujardin wondered what expectations there were for tools when the Council spent a lot of time going through the ideas. He asked whether Staff was expecting new, out of the box ideas, or if they wanted to gain momentum on existing ideas. MacDonald pointed out Town had been chipping away at it, and nothing was working. She hoped for inspiring ideas to tackle for the community. Dujardin supported the motion, and he hoped the creativity and depth were there. Church acknowledged they wanted to make it worth everyone's time. Schmidt asked whether appointments would come to the Council. Haver recognized it would be a committee focused on the single issue, and it was Council's job to put it in the big picture. He liked the short timeline.

A roll call vote was taken with all voting, "Yes," except Merrill was not present and did not vote. **Motion passed unanimously.**

COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMITTEE UPDATES

Jasmine Whelan

- MacMillan and she were at the Mountain Express meeting.
 - She was looking forward to a full briefing from Mountain Express Managing Director Jeremy Herzog.
 - New drivers had earned their CDLs.
 - They were trying new bus routes during holidays when they could.
 - It looked like they would have to increase the price per ride for the late night taxi. She did not expect the increase to be a huge deterrent. The cost would go from \$5 to \$8, and they would start taking electronic payments.

Mona Merrill

- She was not able to make the STOR meeting. Janna Hansen took notes that were in the packet.
- Her next meeting would be the GVRHA meeting on Thursday.

Jason MacMillan

- RTA would be adding trips, and stopping in CB South.
- Bill 206 passed, which would be \$5.4 billion over 10 years for Colorado transportation.

Will Dujardin

- He thought more organization would have helped to drive conversations at the intergovernmental dinner.
- Tomorrow there would be the community wide BLMCC meeting at The Center for the Arts.

Mallika Magner

- She gave a shout out to The Chamber for the awesome job pulling the parade together at the last minute.
- She would not be at the next meeting on the 19th.

Jim Schmidt

- He was at the 4th of July parade.
- The Land Preservation Board met on the 28th. They allotted \$120K for a project east of Gunnison.
 - The fund had plenty of money, and there had been few asks in the last few years.
- He met with Sean Caffrey and Jack Dietrich from the Fire District to look at their plans for a new facility. He asked the Council to look at the plans, too. Magner asked what input and opportunity for input the Council would have.
- The DOLA Region 10 meeting was on Friday the 25th.
 - They talked about the funding bill for the fees for highway improvements.
 - The intersections at Brush Creek and Cement Creek were way down the line. The County listed those two intersections and the main intersection in Gunnison. All three projects were pushed way down on the regional list.
- Next, Schmidt mentioned the intergovernmental meeting. Houck went into how kind the County was to give back sales tax to the towns. Schmidt pointed out it would not have happened if Crested Butte had not agreed to reduce sales tax.
- There was talk at the DOLA regional meeting that money given for downtowns could be used by businesses.

Mallika Magner

- She had a conversation concerning the cost of building modular. The cost for modular was 30% less than stick built, summarizing that modular was a less expensive way to build.

Jasmine Whelan

- She met with folks on the board of the Valley Housing Fund. They were interested in having a Council member appointed to the board.
- She mentioned that the County Planning Commission was planning a joint work session this Friday to discuss residential building sizes.

Jim Schmidt

- He met with Julie McCluskie, a State Representative. She sponsored a housing bill that triggered grant possibilities that could work for the 6th Street project. She suggested he attend the signing of the bill, which he did.

- He talked with the Governor on the 27th. The Governor referred him to his assistant. MacDonald and he would meet with the representative from the Governor's office on Thursday.

Will Dujardin

- He wanted the Council to press for more structure to the intergovernmental meetings.

OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Dujardin referred to his departure from the Council that he mentioned at the last meeting. Schmidt recommended Haver be appointed as the Mayor Pro Tem. Dujardin suggested that Magner would be a good Mayor Pro Tem.

Whelan moved and Dujardin seconded a motion to nominate Mallika as Mayor Pro Tem. A roll call vote was taken with all voting, "Yes." Magner abstained from voting. Merrill was present on Zoom, and she voted on the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

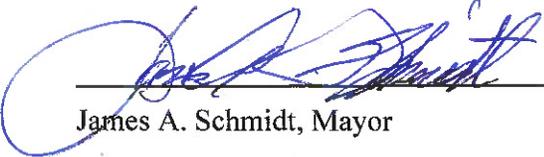
Schmidt brought up a conflict with the meeting on Tuesday, August 3rd and the Public Policy Forum. He urged the Council members to watch the video that would be shown during the Public Policy Forum for a good history of what happened with the mine. MacDonald thought they were close with the outcome.

DISCUSSION OF SCHEDULING FUTURE WORK SESSION TOPICS AND COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

- Monday, July 19, 2021 - 6:00PM Work Session - 7:00PM Regular Council
- Tuesday, August 3, 2021 - 6:00PM Work Session - 7:00PM Regular Council
- Monday, August 16, 2021 - 6:00PM Work Session - 7:00PM Regular Council

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Schmidt adjourned the meeting at 11:03PM.


James A. Schmidt, Mayor


Lynelle Stanford, Town Clerk (SEAL)

